

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-374-C - ORDER NO. 98-723
SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

IN RE: Proceeding to Review BellSouth) ORDER
Telecommunications, Inc. Cost Studies for) APPROVING
Unbundled Network Elements.) RATES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of BellSouth for approval of rates for each unbundled network element and interconnection service as set forth in the cost studies filed subsequent to this Commission's Order No. 98-493.

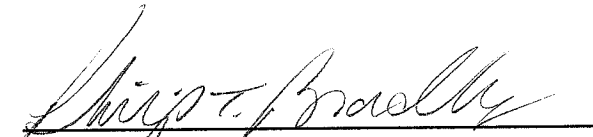
Consistent with this Order, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) took steps to investigate why AT&T was not able to duplicate the rates found in our Order No. 98-214. Specifically, on July 22, 1998, BellSouth delivered to AT&T a copy of BellSouth's TELRIC Calculator Summary Report and a full set of BellSouth's TELRIC calculator outputs for all unbundled network elements and interconnection services, consistent with the changes specified in Order No. 98-214. Apparently, these materials indicate that the costs for a small number of unbundled network elements are slightly different than the costs set forth in the Commission's Order, with none of the differences exceeding one (1) percent.

BellSouth and AT&T have now met and agreed upon the fact that the cost studies discussed by them correctly reflect the intent of this Commission as set out in Order No. 98-214, even though some of the costs are slightly different than originally set out in that Order. We have also examined the materials furnished, and agree with BellSouth and AT&T that the new cost studies reflect the appropriate costs.

We therefore approve the rates for each unbundled network element and interconnection service as set forth in the cost studies as filed with this Commission, except where the Commission has specifically approved a rate which is lower than the cost produced by the TELRIC calculator cost study as modified by Commission Order No. 96-214.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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